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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Membership Record—1927

County	Delinquents	Members
Alameda	8	383
Butte	3	20
Contra Costa	0	33
Fresno	7	103
Glenn	2	7
Humboldt	0	33
Imperial	0	19
Kern	0	47
Lassen-Plumas	1	13
Los Angeles	51	1627
Marin	0	20
Mendocino	0	17
Merced	0	18
Monterey	1	26
Napa	0	24
Orange	2	83
Placer	1	32
Riverside	2	43
Sacramento	3	129
San Benito	0	8
San Bernardino	4	96
San Diego	5	203
San Francisco	8	850
San Joaquin	0	76
San Luis Obispo	2	12
San Mateo	4	26
Santa Barbara	1	68
Santa Clara	2	124
Santa Cruz	2	31
Shasta	0	10
Siskiyou	2	16
Solano	1	16
Sonoma	2	39
Stanislaus	1	42
Tehama	0	10
Tulare	1	43
Tuolumne	0	6
Ventura	1	19
Yolo	1	27
Yuba-Sutter	0	11
Total.....	118	4410

The above table is a graphic picture of the constant efficient work of our forty county secretaries. Not for many years has the California society recorded so few unpaid subscriptions. Fourteen counties have an honor record. San Joaquin with her seventy-six members should head that list. Nine counties report but one unpaid member; eight, but two; and of the remaining nine only four are in counties with a membership of less than one hundred. Viewed from the percentage of total membership, the county with the largest number of unpaid subscriptions has a smaller rate than many of the smaller societies. From any standpoint, the record is one of which the California Medical Association has reason to be proud, and to

extend grateful thanks to her most efficient corps of component county secretaries.

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Clinical Prizes—Rules for the Submission of Papers.

The Committee of Clinical Prize Awards desires to call the attention of the membership to the following rules governing the submission of papers, for the benefit of those who desire to compete for the 1928 prizes:

1. Any member of the California Medical Association is eligible to compete for the prizes. Any question arising as to the eligibility of a candidate or the admissibility of his essay will be settled by the decision of the Council.

2. Manuscripts must be typewritten on one side of the paper; they must be double spaced; and they must not be folded or rolled. Illustrations or charts must be marked with the title of the paper to which they belong.

3. Essays must not contain more than four thousand words. In judging a paper the committee will take into account the basic importance of the work done and its novelty; the thoroughness with which the research has been carried out; the clearness with which it has been written up; and the neatness of the manuscripts and illustrations.

4. Papers should be sent, preferably by registered mail, to Dr. Emma Pope, secretary of the California Medical Association, 1016 Balboa Building, San Francisco. They should be identified by a nom de plume or motto only. A separate envelope should be sent to Doctor Pope containing the author's name and his nom de plume or motto, so that after the award is made the name of the writer can be found. Any return addresses or distinguishing marks will be removed from the wrappers before the papers are turned over to the judges.

5. All papers must be in the hands of Doctor Pope before March 15, 1928, in order that the judges may finish their work in time for the meeting of the Association.

6. The judges reserve the right to withhold the award, in the event that no paper comes up to the standards of excellence they feel should be set.

7. If, in the judgment of the editors of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, and the editorial councilors, the paper on laboratory research is too technical or otherwise unsuitable for inclusion in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE the prize winner will be allowed to publish it in some special journal and will be required to make an abstract for the readers in California.

8. Inquiries relative to the prize contest should be addressed to the chairman of the committee, George Dock, M. D., Chamber of Commerce Building, Pasadena, California.

COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

ALAMEDA COUNTY

The annual meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association was held at the Ethel Moore Memorial Building on the evening of November 21, being called to order by Dr. George Rothganger, the president.

The first number on the scientific program was a paper by Dr. W. E. Mitchell on "The Ruptured Appendix." The author reviewed the history of drainage from its earliest uses giving a résumé of the results obtained in all cases of ruptured appendices treated at Merritt Hospital. The writer believes that drainage is of value only in instances in which it is

desirous to render certain areas extraperitoneal. He pointed out the impossibility of successfully draining the peritoneal cavity, citing interesting experiments to prove his point. The present drainage methods of treatment of the ruptured appendix were contrasted with the modern surgical methods of handling tuberculous peritonitis, a ruptured viscus or intestinal obstruction, emphasizing the fact that in a ruptured appendix, as in all of these conditions, the absorption of toxins from the upper intestinal tract is most harmful to the patient. He reviewed the work of certain English writers who invariably found foci of infection with *B. welchii* near the point of obstruction and who offered clinical and experimental data to show that this organism was responsible for the severe symptoms. The discussion of this very interesting paper was opened by Dr. Warren Allen, who agreed with the author that drainage in the average ruptured appendix did more harm than good. Dr. D. N. Richards spoke in behalf of drainage in a certain number of cases emphasizing the importance of jejunostomy in all intestinal obstructions. Dr. C. A. Dukes voiced his belief in draining abscess cavities whether they be in the peritoneum or elsewhere.

The second paper of the evening was presented by Dr. Edward von Adelung, on the subject "Some Non-Tuberculous Infections of the Lung." The doctor discussed the conditions which may readily be confused with advanced tuberculosis, in each instance differentiating the condition. The discussion on Dr. Von Adelung's paper was opened by Dr. George Evans of San Francisco who spoke on the differential diagnosis illustrating points made, with case histories.

The scientific program was followed by the annual reports of all standing committees and retiring officers. Our retiring president, Dr. George Rothganger, in his address urged the Association to plan at once to build a new home. Doctor Rothganger also urged the members of the medical profession on this side of the bay to do whatever was in their power to bring the medical college of the University of California to the campus of that university where it rightly belongs. The officers for the ensuing year were then presented.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

GERTRUDE MOORE, *Secretary*.

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The annual banquet of the Contra Costa County Medical Society was held on November 12 at the Athens Club, Oakland. Following the banquet all enjoyed seats at the Fulton Theater. The December meeting of the society was held in Richmond at the offices of Doctors Abbott, Hely, and Hedges on December 10, 1927. It was a business meeting at which election of officers for the coming year was held.

The following were elected: L. St. John Hely of Richmond, president; W. A. Rowell of Crockett, vice-president; S. N. Weil of Selby, secretary-treasurer. Censors: H. L. Carpenter, three years; G. W. Sweetser, two years; D. C. Wise, one year. Delegate: J. M. McCullough. Alternate: L. St. John Hely.

S. N. WEIL, *Secretary*.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Obstetrical Section—The Los Angeles County Obstetrical Society at its meeting on October 8 considered the problem of the unmarried mother. Miss Lavonne Stanton, secretary of the Children's Home Society, discussed the social service work, and detailed the methods used to establish contact with the mother, to establish the paternity of the child, if possible, in order to secure financial support or marriage, and generally to provide sympathetic care during the antenatal period. After delivery the home provides care for the baby for six months and, if desired, supervises the adoption proceedings. About three times as many calls for babies are received as can be filled. Careful analysis of the foster family and of the baby's antecedents are attempted in order to secure a background as satisfactory as that to which the baby is entitled. After

placement, supervision is continued for a year. Dr. Peter O. Sundin detailed the medical care at the Florence Crittenton Home of which he is the medical director. The average age of the mother is under twenty and labors are uniformly easy. Only two Cesareans were done in the last twenty years. Mr. George Hooper, attorney for the Home Finding Society, explained the new adoption law, pointing out the changes which prevent placements by unauthorized agencies. He emphasized particularly the illegality of placement by the attending physician.

At the regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Medical Society on December 13, Dr. A. L. Hill presented a specimen of congenital cyst of the trachea, in an infant 4½ months old, that had unusual respiratory difficulty. The child survived one attack of pneumonia, but died in a second attack before direct bronchoscopy could be employed.

Dr. Fred Lindenberger reported a case of hemorrhagic fibromyoma complicated by exophthalmic goiter, in which all symptoms cleared up after deep x-ray. There was, however, an initial exacerbation of the thyroid disorder. Only two similar cases are on record.

Dr. E. J. Krahulik discussed anterior poliomyelitis as a complication of pregnancy. Provided abortion does not occur because of high temperature, one need not fear fetal paralysis, as the infection localizes in the central nervous system after traveling along the perineural lymph spaces and not by the blood stream. His case delivered a normal infant twenty-one days after the onset of her symptoms. The question of whether the baby shows antibodies will be investigated.

Dr. S. N. Pierce championed the Kielland forceps as a rotator, and detailed his results in 120 cases. He believes these forceps will replace all the other varieties, and quoted German authorities who are enthusiastic about their use.

WILLIAM BURTON THOMPSON,
Secretary Obstetrical Section.

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Our last society meeting was held on November 14. The program consisted of a paper by Dr. Gilbert R. Owen of Los Angeles, who spoke on "Certain Types of Headache and Focal Infections of Interest to General Practitioners." His lecture was illustrated by lantern slides and demonstrations on the cadaver.

Dr. Herney S. Faris of Riverside was elected to membership in the society.

Dr. H. R. Martin of Riverside is visiting clinics and medical centers of South America. He expects to be absent until the first of the year.

Dr. C. Van Zwalenburg has recently returned from a trip through the East, where he attended the College of Surgeons at Ann Arbor and made a study of hospital conditions throughout the East.

Dr. W. W. Roblee was recently in attendance at the Interstate Medical Clinics held in Kansas City.

THOMAS C. CARD, *Secretary*.

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY

The members of the local society met in the Gold Room of the Hotel Sacramento on the evening of November 19. There were thirty-nine in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Several members had cases to report. Charles E. Schoff demonstrated an epithelioma of the back. The tumor grew in the midst of scar tissue which dated back to 1898. At that time an x-ray burn accounted for the original skin injury. More recently the constant use of a wire brush to allay itching of the area gave a superimposed skin injury. The epithelioma grew at this site. Schoff recommends the use of a hot iron to burn out the growth.

Frank P. Brendel showed a happy result of a Koch hip. Besides bony x-ray findings, which were diagnosed as tuberculosis by Cook, Zimmerman and Ruggles, there was a "cold" abscess. As a result of

detecting the trouble early the patient now has complete function regained.

Fred E. Gundrum reported a case of marked argyria in a woman of forty whose source of the silver was from argyrol packing in the nostrils. Bloomfield sectioned the skin.

Edward W. Beach described a massive hemorrhage of the kidney which completely encapsulated the kidney.

Frank B. Reardan described a group of symptoms which led to an immediate tentative diagnosis of typhoid fever. It proved to be influenza.

The paper of the evening was presented by Oscar F. Johnson. His subject was "Some Personal Observations in Human and Bovine Tuberculin Tests." His conclusions as to the value of the test, its specificity and the possibility of a decided aid in the prevention of clinical tuberculosis by the control and eradication of bovine tuberculosis, is based on the most careful testing and clinical follow-ups on 160 patients. His observations tally with many other opinions relative to the usually accepted idea before the age of two and after this; but he maintains that there is a definite specificity in the test for this "universal" organism. Whether it may be later proven that the various forms are merely changed ones from the bovine is a question for future consideration, but in reading the test does differentiate. Johnson commends the present excellent work now being accomplished by the national government in endeavoring to eradicate bovine tuberculosis. Gundrum, Reardan and Scatena discussed the paper.

After the second reading of the applications of W. J. Van Den Berg, James Travis Vance and Oliver H. Perry, all were unanimously elected to membership in the society.

Communications—A note of appreciation for our acknowledgment of sympathy was received from the family of Cornelia Krull. A new extension lecture program was received from the state and filed. A note from Thomas E. Gibson suggesting a state program paper was reported to the program committee. P. W. Day writes from Folsom that he is a member of the Marin County Medical Society; however, despite the sixty-day limitation, word has not been received from Marin that his transfer could be made. A note from Harvey W. Strader tells of his complete retirement from practice and, consequently, he desires to be placed in an affiliate classification. He tells of his many happy affiliations with the society in the past.

Probably the most sincere note of friendship ever received by the society was received from Robert A. Peers. Peers writes that he is enclosing a check to help along the convention fund. Though really a member of our society, Peers needs be, by reason of county borders, a member of Placer. This is the spirit that builds.

Hendricksen, through the secretary, offered a long file of "military surgeon."

Drysdale, chairman of the program committee, outlined some future programs.

Discussion was held as to our place of meeting. This will be considered by the board.

A buffet lunch concluded the meeting.

BERT S. THOMAS, *Secretary*.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held December 6 at the San Bernardino County Hospital at 8 p. m. Thirty-six members were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The question of a representative on the County Hospital committee was considered and Mr. Earl Paul was nominated to the private hospital and Doctor Moseley to the County Medical Society. These nominations to be voted upon at the next meeting.

The following new members were passed: C. E. Counter, Loma Linda; Marcus D. White, Ontario; Wallace M. Chapman, Ontario.

The announcement of the fall meeting of the South-

ern California Medical Association was made. The question of rounding up eligible non-members was again brought up. The health activities that are to form part of the American Week were considered and the superintendent was instructed to communicate with the County Superintendent of Schools to consider this matter.

The Committee on Maternal Welfare was discharged, no action having been taken. The Welfare Committee was continued for one month, at which time Doctor Moseley was to report. The question of individual professional cards in the newspapers was considered by request. It was decided that while such action was permissible, it was inadvisable and should be discouraged.

A request for the purchase of a portable typewriter having been made, such action was authorized to the amount of \$60.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

The following men have been admitted into the society: Drs. C. E. Counter, W. M. Chapman and M. D. White.

The new delegates to the state medical meeting are Doctors Moseley and Richards. Doctors Eytinge and Walter Pritchard are alternates.

This public health meeting is by request as it is felt that in the present flux of medical practice we should all be familiar with the changing conditions that surround the practice of medicine at the present time. A free discussion is especially to be looked for.

The following program was presented:

The Physician, Health Centers and Public Health—G. F. Telfer. Discussion was opened by Dr. C. J. Whitmer, and continued by Doctors Moseley and Abbott.

Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis—E. M. Burns. Discussion by Doctors Savage and Langdon.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p. m.

E. J. EYTINGE, *Secretary*.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY

On November 15 the members of the Mercy Hospital staff enjoyed a spirited meeting discussing their experiences with narcotic habitues who had recently been working San Diego to their advantage.

Doctor Tanner reported an interesting case of a young woman who successfully went through a pregnancy with the left kidney practically gone and the right one very much enlarged. The case had been referred to him for surgery which he wisely advised against. The woman is still living.

Mr. L. E. Carlson, the head of the physiotherapy department of the hospital, gave an entertaining report of his recent visit to the clinics of Denmark, where he had studied closely their methods of physiotherapy. He found them using some form of physiotherapy on practically all cases in the hospitals, but found much less of the multiplicity of mechanical instrumental application of such treatment in physicians' offices than we find in this country.

He spoke in very high terms of the new municipal hospital in Copenhagen and its perfect equipment.

At the staff meeting of the Scripps Memorial Hospital, La Jolla, December 6, 1927, Dr. Thomas O. Burger and Dr. Hall G. Holder discussed infections and carbuncles of the face and their treatment.

Doctor Lazelle reported an interesting case of osteitis of the knee joint. These discussions were followed by a business meeting outlining plans for the growth and further development of the hospital.

The San Diego Academy of Medicine is just announcing its third annual course of medical lectures beginning January 23, 1928. The speaker will be Dr. Allen Krause of Johns Hopkins University, an international authority on tuberculosis. Every phase of this important subject will be discussed during the week.

On Saturday evening, January 7, the medical society will be the guests at dinner of Colonel Milton A. McRae and Mr. J. C. Harper, directors of the Scripps Metabolic Clinic. After dinner the guests will be addressed by Dr. Cyrus C. Sturgis, director of the

Thomas Henry Simpson Institute for Medical Research at Ann Arbor, Michigan, who will discuss the dietetic treatment of pernicious anemia with especial reference to the chemical principles involved.

ROBERT POLLOCK.

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SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

The San Francisco County Medical Society held a dinner dance in its new home on December 8, 1927, which was attended by about 250 people, members of the society and their wives or husbands. There was no scientific program. Music, dancing, and a quartet of Italian singers provided the amusement of the evening, which seemed to be an enjoyable one to all concerned.

On the evening of December 20, 1927, the society was fortunate in having as its guest speaker Professor Franz Groedel of Bad-Nauheim who spoke on "The Diagnosis of Syphilitic Diseases of the Visceral Organs, Especially by the Help of X-Ray Pictures."

At the meeting on December 13, 1927, the following officers were elected for the year 1928: Alexander S. Keenan, president; William E. Stevens, first vice-president; Edna L. Barney, second vice-president; T. Henshaw Kelly, secretary-treasurer; Leo Eloesser, librarian; William Ophüls, R. Knight Smith, Langley Porter, Walter W. Boardman, Harry Walter Gibbons, Alfred T. Zobel and William Palmer Lucas were elected directors to serve terms of three years.

On December 5, 1927, the regular meeting of the Franklin Hospital Clinical Society was held at the hospital, Conrad Weil, chairman, presiding.

Otto Westerfeld presented a hydronephrotic kidney removed at operation and pyelograms showing a markedly dilated ureter below the kidney, the dilation beginning above a stricture which corresponded with the site of a previous appendectomy.

Conrad Weil presented a specimen removed at operation, the preoperative diagnosis having been divided between carcinoma of the cecum and appendicitis. At operation the lesion proved to be a carcinoma of the cecum bound down with adhesions.

Carl Werner presented two specimens obtained at autopsy. The first was the brain of a fifty-year old male with a hemorrhage from a small aneurysm of a branch of the carotid artery located in the brain substance one centimeter above the optic chiasm. The hemorrhage had destroyed the entire right anterior lobe and finally ruptured into the subdural space producing meningeal symptoms. The second specimen was the brain of an eight months infant which had been admitted to the hospital with meningeal irritation, xanthochromatic spinal fluid containing free red cells and no bacteria. The infant died five days after admission. Marked pyrexia and autopsy showed a flat hemangioma of the dura 1.5 centimeters in diameter, and located in the left middle fossa. The hemangioma had ruptured, probably during a coughing fit, and extensive bleeding had occurred from it.

T. HENSHAW KELLY, *Secretary*.

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The annual meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held Thursday, December 1, 1927. The society met at the banquet table, Hotel Lido, Wilson Way, Stockton, Dr. J. W. Barnes presiding. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m. Thirty-seven were in attendance. Dr. Edgar L. Gilcreest of San Francisco was the guest and speaker of the evening.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Chair appointed Drs. F. S. Marnell, Percy B. Gallegos and Harry E. Kaplan to act as tellers.

A letter from Dr. Walter F. Donalson, secretary of the medical society of the state of Pennsylvania, recommending the transfer of R. C. Kirkwood, member of the Alleghany County Medical Society of Pennsylvania was read.

Action: Moved by the secretary, seconded by Dewey R. Powell, that R. C. Kirkwood be voted a member of this society on recommendation of the secretary

of the medical society of the state of Pennsylvania. The motion carried. The Chair declared R. C. Kirkwood duly elected an active member of the society.

The applications for membership of Drs. Boyd M. Krout and D. V. Wiebe were read and referred to the committee on admission.

A letter from the chairman of the ethics committee recommending the rejection of the proposal of the Pacific Health and Hospital Service of October 28, 1927, was read.

Action: Moved by the secretary, seconded by Dr. G. H. Rohrbacher, that the society adopt the recommendation of the ethics committee. The motion carried.

The secretary was instructed to inform the Pacific Health and Hospital Service of the action of the society.

The Chair called for the report of the tellers. Those receiving the highest votes were John J. Sippy, C. F. English, Hudson Smythe, H. S. Chapman, R. T. McGurk, J. W. Barnes, Dewey R. Powell, Barton J. Powell, Fred J. Conzelmann.

The Chair declared the nine receiving the highest number of votes duly elected as members of the board of directors.

The Chair declared the nomination for president in order. Dr. John J. Sippy was nominated and elected by acclamation. Dr. R. T. McGurk was elected first vice-president; Dewey R. Powell, second vice-president; and Fred J. Conzelmann, secretary-treasurer, all without opposition.

Dr. J. W. Barnes and Barton J. Powell were elected delegates, and Dr. Fred J. Conzelmann and Dr. C. V. Thompson alternates for the California Medical Association.

The report of the secretary-treasurer for the year was read, approved, and ordered filed.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to the secretary-treasurer for his services.

The Chair introduced Doctor Gilcreest, speaker of the evening. Doctor Gilcreest spoke on the subject "Cults, Quacks, and Cures."

"California is becoming a mecca for health cults," said the speaker. He briefly reviewed the history of quackery and cults. Cultists and healers never bother themselves to learn the causes of things. When they want to make a sick person well they do not study the causes of disease or examine the body and its various organs. All they have in mind is their wish that the patient be well and that they can convince or persuade the patient that he is well.

The beginning of knowledge is the study of causes, in medicine as in the rest of science. The making of a diagnosis by all procedures possible is essential to the science of medicine and non-essential to the cultist.

The cultist believes that by wishing or willing anything hard enough he can get it. Science recognizes the power of the will in accomplishment, but willing or wishing for science constitutes merely the beginning of achievement, not the end.

The cultist is always a solitary worker. One person of outstanding personality like Coué or Slatterer, who by an intuition or inspiration claim that they have seized upon the truth. The lesser lights, too, acknowledge no master and no colleague.

Science, however, is fundamentally cooperative. It builds generation after generation. Medicine does not deal wholly with drugs, serums vaccines but diet, sanitation, dental, nasal and intestinal cleanliness, also play a part. The cultist always emphasizes that the physician uses poisonous drugs.

In dealing with patients with chronic diseases the physician should bear in mind and explain to his patient that many diseases tend to get well of themselves, and that even in chronic diseases periods of betterment often occur irrespective of treatment. Even serious disorders which end fatally often have their periods of remission.

If the physician will make a more thorough examination of the patient, add a few tactful words in regard to the present condition and suggest that the patient return in three, six or twelve months for a

check-up, it will serve to reassure the patient and keep him from running to quacks and cultist.

As long as the people desire to be fooled there will always be fads which have their little day, but when these, like an infectious disease, have run their course, medicine will still be the mainstay of mankind in its battle against disease. It is the physician's duty to inform both his patients and the public about the true and false in medical matters.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11 p. m.

FRED J. CONZELMANN, *Secretary*.

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held on December 12 at the Cottage Hospital, with President H. E. Henderson in the chair.

The meeting was called to order, and Doctor Lewis, in a short talk, requested that all the members co-operate with Mr. George E. Coleman by taking out membership in the American Association for Medical Progress.

Doctor Evans then gave a very interesting talk on "Unusual Electrocardiograms," with demonstrations. This paper was discussed by Doctors Koefod, Henderson and Means.

The next paper was "Simple Management of Achlorhydria Gastrica" by Dr. H. G. Gray, outlining the symptomatology, treatment and prognosis from a study of fifty cases.

This was discussed by Doctors Freidell, Sansum and Ullmann.

A short report of a clinic by Faber of Copenhagen on achylia was given by Dr. Koefod.

Resolutions concerning Doctor Bagby's death were read and copies ordered sent to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, Mrs. Bagby, and a copy placed on file.

Doctor Henderson appointed as a committee for the annual banquet, Doctors Ullmann, Wills and Eaton.

An invitation to attend Doctor Krause's clinic in San Diego during the week beginning January 23, 1928.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

WILLIAM H. EATON, *Secretary*.

DEATHS

Brooke, William A. Died at Half Moon Bay, December 10, 1927. Age 63 years. Graduate of the Cooper Medical College, California, 1897. Licensed in California, 1898. Doctor Brooke was a member of the San Mateo County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

Cox, Roy Milo. Died at Chicago, Illinois, September 4, 1927. Age 37 years. Graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, California, 1914. Licensed in California, 1915. Doctor Cox was a member of the San Luis Obispo County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

Grinstead Marion O. Died at San Francisco October 28, 1927. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, 1927. Licensed in California, 1927. Doctor Grinstead was a member of the San Francisco Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

Kegley, Eugene A. Died at Los Angeles, October 31, 1927. Age 52 years. Graduate of the Northwestern University Medical School, Illinois, 1891. Licensed in California, 1921. Doctor Kegley was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

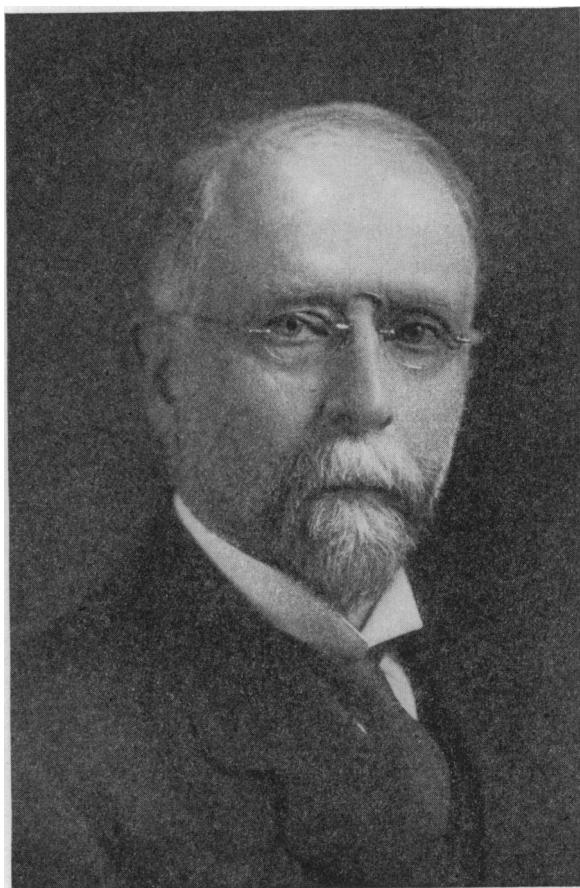
Rogers, Thomas N. Died at Los Angeles, October 2, 1927. Age 69 years. Graduate of the Victoria University Medical College, Canada, 1889. Licensed in California, 1924. Doctor Rogers was a member of

the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

Tillotson, Clarence A. Died at San Francisco, October 26, 1927. Age 61 years. Graduate New York University Medical College, 1891. Licensed in California in 1910. Doctor Tillotson was a member of the Tulare County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

OBITUARIES

Wallace Alvin Briggs was born in Ohio in June, 1848, was graduated in medicine in 1871 by the University of Michigan, did postgraduate work in the United States and in Europe, practiced for a short



Wallace Alvin Briggs

time in his native state, came to California in 1877 and, after a few months of practice in smaller towns, located in Sacramento. Here for fifty years he lived and practiced his profession, with an interlude in 1913-14 for European travel and study, and here on November 26, 1927, in his eightieth year he died. He joined the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement in 1877, was a member for a longer period than any one else has ever been and was our senior member when he passed away, retaining full possession of his faculties and his interest in medicine until the last. This was, in brief outline, the life of Dr. W. A. Briggs.

But this bare outline utterly fails to suggest in any way the full and intelligent life of the man. And it is difficult for those of us whose knowledge of medical thought and medical men has been gathered only in these later years to realize the large place he filled for years in the medical life of the community both here and throughout the state. Doctor Briggs' almost complete withdrawal from medical contacts during these

later years had made him, even during his lifetime, almost a legendary figure among the profession.

In the course of his long life he developed an enormous general family practice, the burden of which would have crushed many a physician into mere mediocrity. But Doctor Briggs was a student with an open and inquiring mind and, in spite of the detail of this great general practice, or better, because of the wealth of material that was illuminated by his study, reasoning and experience, he became eminent in every branch of medicine. He did not specialize in internal medicine, yet for years he was our most valued practitioner and consultant therein. He did not specialize in obstetrics, yet he attended and recorded over 3500 confinements before he gave up this branch of medicine. He did not specialize in gynecology, but his reputation therein was not merely local but extended throughout, and beyond the borders of, this state. He did not specialize in electrotherapeutics, but at a time when no one else in the community was doing anything with this subject he had what was for the time an elaborate equipment and a rational understanding of the procedures. He was no trained laboratory man, yet twenty years ago, when vaccine therapy was in its infancy, he was employing a trained laboratory physician to make autogenous vaccines for his patients in his own laboratory. During the many years when he practiced surgery, he was a competent and conservative general surgeon. Whatever he did he did well.

And through it all he found, or rather made, time to keep up his medical reading. Many of us can remember, in the preautomobile days, the little two-horse, closed coupe, with old John on the box, in which Doctor Briggs made his professional rounds, an enormous pocket in either door stuffed with journals and other medical literature between which sat Doctor Briggs reading, taking magazines from one door pocket and, when finished, stuffing them in the other. He never failed even in old age to thus keep up with the latest thought in medicine. Those who were privileged in his later years to have him as a consultant were amazed by the familiarity he showed with the most recent medical literature. Mentally he never grew old and though increasing years gradually required the abandonment of many lines of practice, his interests were always those of a general practitioner and he will be remembered both by the profession and by the public which he served so long and so faithfully, as the fine, almost perfect flower of the general practice of medicine. But times have changed. General practice no longer attracts, and it is doubtful if we ever see his like again.

It would seem that such a medical life as is outlined above might well absorb all of one fragile man's time and strength. But not so with Doctor Briggs. His supreme quality was intelligence. He was an intellect personified, and the range of his interests covered not only all phases of his chosen profession, but many matters of general interest. He did his share in civic matters, even finding time to serve as one of the Board of Freeholders which in 1911 prepared Sacramento's Commission form Charter. He wrote freely, not only on medical topics but on subjects of political or moral interest. He kept himself abreast of the times in art and literature, retaining to extreme old age his activity and receptivity of mind in matters of general culture, as well as in medicine. At sixty-five years of age, although already reading and speaking French and German, he learned to read Italian, and he published his great anthology of poetry only a few months before his death. Dr. Wallace Alvin Briggs was one of whose life the medical profession may be proud, not only as a physician but as an example of an active, far reaching and enduring intelligence.

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Henry Clay Bagby

Henry Clay Bagby was born in 1861, settling in Santa Maria at the age of twenty-one. He took up the general practice of medicine and surgery and continued at this work until 1890.

During this period he made an association with Dr. William T. Lucas which continued for six years.

It was the opinion of those intimately associated with him that he was a close observer and a splendid clinician. He was honorable, painstaking, and eminently successful in his work, being extremely ethical in all of the contacts with his colleagues.

After seven years of strenuous country practice, in which his sleep was constantly broken by long night rides behind the slow-going horse, he decided that his health was suffering. With his usual intelligent facing of facts he hit upon dentistry as an outlet for his energies.

In September of the year 1890, almost forty years ago, he went to Baltimore, which was then one of the centers for the study of dental surgery. His work at Baltimore was characterized by that intensive application which has always been one of Doctor Bagby's outstanding qualities. This enabled him to graduate with honors at the head of his class.

The doctor then returned to Santa Maria, but an opportunity arose which would enable him to make contact with some interesting problems in tropical medicine and their relationship to the study of gingival disease. This work took him to Guatemala, where he remained for about one year and a half.

On returning to California he again settled in Santa Maria.

In 1916 he settled in Santa Barbara, where he has taken the lead in his specialty of pyorrhea.

Toward the latter part of his practice he had evolved many new ideas relative to the matter of "trench mouth," which work alone was demanding most of his time.

Doctor Bagby, beside his professional work, was keenly interested in all things pertaining to civic and public questions, doing some splendid work while serving his term in the legislature.

It Is Hereby Resolved, That the medical society of the county of Santa Barbara, of which he was a past president, has sustained a great and very real loss in the passing of Doctor Bagby.

Be It Further Resolved, That the members of this organization desire to extend their heartfelt sympathy to Doctor Bagby's family and friends, for the former were very close to him, and of the latter there were a myriad.

HARRY L. SCHURMEIER, M. D.

M. THORNER, M. D.

Committee.

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Oscar Mansfeldt

After all I hear of this good man's selfless life I wish I had known him better. I find myself envying his patients and his dear ones, for they derived a splendid benefit from his quick sympathy and his intense understanding of joy and of sorrow.

It would seem to me, from what I am told, that his sensitive introspective nature held him back from intimate relationship with others who would have understood and gratefully valued his noble manhood and his ability. I can imagine him unhappy, beyond words, when this sensitiveness prevented him from following his great urge to serve all humanity, not only professionally but in closest fellowship.

His conspicuous zeal and ability were heritages from his great father, Hugo Mansfeldt; his gentleness a heritage from his sweet mother.

In his early youth music came to him, and under the tutelage of his father he grew to be a brilliant pianist and utilized this gift to overcome the hard problems of life and consummate his ambition to become a physician. Indeed, after his graduation in 1897, standing fourth in his class, he continued to teach the piano for the glorious purpose of serving the people; all the while suffering from the most intense migraine. He endured the severe pain of this malady until he was forty-seven years of age. To see him at his work

and hear him giving freely of himself to others, one could not realize how keenly he suffered physically.

His whole life, a melody bringing peace to others yet holding sad strains for himself, he played bravely on.

We who honor him for his fine philosophy of conduct express in these few inadequate words his worth to our profession and to all those whose good fortune brought them into contact with him.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Approved at the One Hundred and Seventy-First Meeting of the Council

Minutes of the One Hundred and Sixty-Seventh Meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association—Held in Room 242 of the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, California, Sunday, April 24, 1927, at 8 p. m.

Present—Doctors McArthur, Gibbons, Phillips, Day, Hamlin, Kinney, Kiger, DeLappe, Shephard, Coffey, Harris, Rogers, Catton, Kress, Shoemaker, Curtiss, Pope, and General Counsel Peart.

Absent—Doctors Peers and Bingaman.

1. **Call to Order**—The meeting was called to order by the acting chairman, Morton R. Gibbons.

2. **Report of the Council**—The report of the Council as prepared by the acting chairman was read by Doctor Gibbons and discussed section by section incorporating some changes in phraseology. It was stated that this report would be presented at the first general session and at the first meeting of the House of Delegates.

Action by the Council—On motion of Hamlin, seconded by Phillips, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Council, as amended, be adopted.

3. **Financial Statement**—The secretary presented the audit of the books of the Association as prepared by Hugh Ross, public accountant, for the year 1926.

Action by the Council—On motion of DeLappe, seconded by Rogers, it was

Resolved, That the audit of accounts for the year 1926, as presented, be approved.

4. **Report of the Secretary**—The secretary read the annual report of the secretary as prepared for the year 1926. A minor change in the wording of the sentence having to do with the reserve funds was suggested, after which the report was unanimously approved.

5. **Report of the Committee on Scientific Program**—As chairman of the Committee on Scientific Program, the secretary presented the report of that committee, which outlined the work done by the section officers, county secretaries, and the Arrangements Committee during the past year.

Action by the Council—On motion of Catton, seconded by Kinney, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Scientific Program be adopted as read.

6. (See footnote.)

7. (See footnote.)

8. **Incorporation of the Association**—The general counsel stated that he had prepared an amendment to the Constitution to permit the incorporation of the Association. Mr. Peart stated that the amendment would be introduced this year, and could be adopted next year by the House of Delegates.

9. **Adjournment**—There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m. Monday, April 25, 1927.

Minutes of the One Hundred and Sixty-Eighth Meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association—Held in Room 242 of the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, California, Monday, April 25, 1927, at 2:30 p. m.

Present—Doctors McArthur, Gibbons, Phillips, Day, Hamlin, Kinney, Kiger, DeLappe, Shephard, Coffey,

Footnote—Minutes Nos. 6 and 7 pertain to the question of a permanent home, and will be published in due time.

Harris, Rogers, Peers, Catton, Kress, Shoemaker, Curtiss, Pope, and General Counsel Peart.

Absent—Doctor Bingaman.

1. **Call to Order**—The meeting was called to order by the acting chairman, Morton R. Gibbons.

2. **Adjournment**—Dr. Oliver D. Hamlin stated that, as the docket was small and several of the members of the Council were anxious to attend section meetings, he would entertain a motion that the meeting adjourn until 4:30 p. m. Such motion was made and unanimously carried.

Adjourned Meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association—Held in Room 242 of the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, California, Monday, April 25, 1927, at 4:30 p. m.

Present—Doctors McArthur, Gibbons, Phillips, Day, Hamlin, Kinney, Kiger, DeLappe, Shephard, Coffey, Harris, Rogers, Peers, Catton, Kress, Shoemaker, Curtiss, Pope, and General Counsel Peart.

Absent—Doctor Bingaman.

1. **Call to Order**—The meeting was called to order by the acting chairman, Morton R. Gibbons.

2. **Legislative Committee**—Harlan Shoemaker, chairman of the Legislative Committee stated that he was desirous of meeting with the other members of his committee before reporting to the Council and requested that his report be heard at a later meeting, which request was granted.

3. **Medical Activities Committee**—Letter from Doctor Graves, chairman of the Medical Activities Committee, was read, wherein he advised of the change of plans of his committee made necessary by councilor action allotting only such time as is regularly allowed to a section meeting to his program. Doctor Kinney, member of the Medical Activities Committee, stated that it was his belief that Doctor Graves should be invited to come before the Council and discuss the future plans of the committee.

Action by the Council—On motion duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That the matter of medical activities be continued until the next meeting of the Council and the secretary be requested to invite Doctor Graves to meet with the Council at that time.

4. **Committee on Revising the Constitution**—Dr. George H. Kress, chairman of the Committee on Revising the Constitution, advised that in accordance with the action of the Council he had had printed copies of the Model Constitution and By-Laws of the American Medical Association for distribution at the first meeting of the House of Delegates and that Mr. Peart had brought in a number of amendments which he had considered desirable. Doctor Kress stated that at the first House of Delegates meeting he proposed to ask all members to suggest any amendments they considered worthy, and that at the second House of Delegates meeting all amendments would be offered and presented. Later all amendments with alternate propositions would be codified and printed in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, so that in 1928 it would be possible to discuss the propositions intelligently.

5. **Walter Reed Memorial**—William H. Kiger, chairman of the Committee on the Walter Reed Memorial, advised the Council that he had received approximately \$200 or \$300 for the fund and that the committee was still active.

Action by the Council—On motion of Catton, seconded by Phillips, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the Walter Reed Memorial be continued.

6. **Committee on the Medical Practice Act**—Dr. George H. Kress, chairman of the Committee on the Medical Practice Act, advised the Council that the Board of Medical Examiners had submitted several amendments to the present act at the legislature. Doctor Kress suggested that the committee be continued so that it might study the Medical Practice Act, and if amendments were considered advisable, devise ways and means of bringing them before the

legislature. Dr. Harlan Shoemaker informed the Council that all amendments that were proposed by the Board of Medical Examiners had been passed and signed by the Governor.

Action by the Council—On motion of Rogers, seconded by Phillips, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the Medical Practice Act be accepted and the committee continued.

7. Clinical Prizes—Dudley Fulton, chairman of the Committee on Clinical Prizes, submitted the following report:

The committee recommends that the essay entitled "The Diagnosis of Drunkenness," under the nom de plume of "Aretaeus," be awarded the prize for research work.

The following recommendations are respectfully submitted to the Council:

(1) That the policy of holding those competitions for research and clinical prizes be continued.

(2) That this competition for prizes be given much more publicity than in the past. It is the belief of the committee that this might be accomplished by the following methods:

(a) That an announcement be made in each section of the society, urging greater interest in the competition.

(b) That more frequent mention of the matter be made in the state journal.

(c) That the secretary of the society remind each component society, which might be of benefit in keeping the matter before the individual members of the society.

(3) That there be a change of two members of the Clinical Prize Committee each year.

Discussion was had on the report as submitted, and it was recommended that not more than one member of the committee be replaced each year. Doctor Fulton informed the Council that the present members of the committee were desirous of being relieved, but would abide by the decision of the Council.

Action by the Council—On motion of Phillips, seconded by DeLappe, it was

Resolved, That the report of the committee be accepted, except that sentence which recommends that two members of the committee be changed each year; that the prize be awarded to the author of the article on "The Diagnosis of Drunkenness" as recommended by the committee; and that the Council elect a committee consisting of three members: one member to be elected for three years; one for two years; and one for one year.

8. Adjournment—There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet in the same place at 2:30 Wednesday, April 27, 1927.

One Hundred and Sixty-Ninth Meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association—Held in Room 242, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, California, April 27, 1927, at 2:30 p. m.

Present—Doctors McArthur, Gibbons, Phillips, Day, Hamlin, Kinney, Kiger, Bingaman, DeLappe, Shephard, Coffey, Harris, Rogers, Peers, Catton, Kress, Shoemaker, Curtiss, Pope, and General Counsel Peart.

Absent—None.

1. Roll Call—The meeting was called to order by the acting chairman, Morton R. Gibbons.

2. Medical Activities Committee—Proposed letter from the Council to Dr. John H. Graves, chairman of the Medical Activities Committee, was read and approved.

3. Councilor Terms—The question of arranging the terms of councilors so that five would expire each year was discussed, and it was decided that the matter be referred to the General Counsel.

4. Clinical Prizes—Discussion was had as to a method of securing more papers for the clinical prize contest. It was stated that some papers read before

section meetings were the result of much research and were worthy of submission for the prizes. It was suggested that the date of submission of such papers might be set as December 1, which would permit of their being judged before any printed record appeared in the program or journal. Doctor Catton stated that the matter had been discussed at the section secretaries and Program Committee luncheon, whereupon he was asked to submit a plan to the Council for submission of such papers.

The chairman then announced that nominations for members of the Clinical Prize Committee were in order.

Action by the Council—On motion of Phillips, seconded by Catton, it was

Resolved, That Dr. George Dock be appointed chairman of the Clinical Prize Committee for a period of three years.

Action by the Council—On motion duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That Emmet Rixford be appointed member of the Clinical Prize Committee for a period of two years.

Drs. Eugene Kilgore and C. L. Callander were nominated for the one year term. A vote was taken and Doctor Kilgore, having received the majority, was named a member of the Clinical Prize Committee for a period of one year.

5. Industrial Medical Practice—Letter from Dr. Philip Stephens, chairman of the Committee on Industrial Medical Practice, submitting his resignation, was read.

Action by the Council—On motion of Catton, seconded by Kinney, it was

Resolved, That the resignation of Philip Stephens be accepted and that the thanks of the Council be accorded him for the work he has accomplished as chairman of this committee.

Doctor Kinney stated that he had talked with Doctor Stephens and that the name of Dr. Gayle Moseley had been suggested as chairman of the committee.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kinney, seconded by Curtiss, it was

Resolved, That Gayle Moseley be appointed chairman of the Committee on Industrial Medical Practice.

At this point Dr. John H. Graves entered the session by invitation of the Council.

6. Medical Activities Committee—Letter from the Council expressing regret that changes in the program of the Medical Activities Committee were made necessary on account of change in councilor action, was presented to Doctor Graves, who requested that some minor additions be made, and that copy of the letter be forwarded to Chester H. Rowell, which request met with the approval of the Council.

Doctor Kinney advised the Council that the Committee on Medical Activities had held two meetings since the annual meeting convened and that Doctor Graves was anxious that the work of the committee be limited to hospital standardization work, and not extended to include the larger field, as the committee could do this work well. Doctor Kinney stated that it was desirable that the work of the committee be defined as hospital standardization or betterment.

Action by the Council—On motion of Catton, seconded by McArthur, it was

Resolved, That the system of Doctor Graves and the report of Doctor Kinney be accepted as a progress report.

7. Legislative Committee—Dr. Harlan Shoemaker, chairman of the Legislative Committee, outlined the plan of procedure which had been followed by the Legislative Committee.

Action by the Council—On motion of Phillips, duly seconded, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Legislative Committee be approved.

8. Membership Campaign—The advisability of conducting a membership drive as suggested in Doctor Kress' editorial was discussed. Robert Peers spoke of

the necessity of close supervision of all applicants for membership bearing in mind that character was the chief requisite, with intelligence and medical training as secondary factors. Mr. Peart then discussed the reaction of a former drive.

In connection with Doctor Kress' editorial it was stated that the word "drive" be eliminated and the word "campaign" substituted therefor and that the next to the last paragraph be deleted.

Action by the Council—On motion of Shephard, seconded by Hamlin, it was

Resolved, That the editorial be published, as amended.

9. Charters to County Societies—Discussion was had as to the feasibility of chartering all county societies now members of the Association in order to be assured that no society had failed to receive a charter from the State Association.

Action by the Council—On motion of Phillips, seconded by Shephard, it was

Resolved, That all county societies that are now component societies of the California Medical Association be granted charters and notice of such action be sent to them, together with charter.

10. Editorship—Letter from Dr. Sol Hyman regarding the editorship of the Journal was read by the secretary.

Action by the Council—On motion of Hamlin, seconded by Rogers, it was

Resolved, That the letter be received and placed on file.

11. Place of 1928 Meeting—Doctor Phillips asked that as a matter of personal privilege the place of the 1928 meeting be considered as the next order of business. The secretary read invitations from various cities and hotels in California. Dr. Junius Harris spoke of the excellent facilities for handling large conventions at Sacramento.

Action by the Council—On motion of Shoemaker, seconded by Peers, it was

Resolved, That the 1928 annual meeting be held at Sacramento, date of meeting to be decided later.

Doctor Kinney stated that for several years San Diego had yielded the convention in favor of other cities and that in 1928 it was the intention of the city to invite the Association to hold the 1929 session there.

12. Bubonic Plague—Letter from Dr. George E. Ebricht outlining the plague situation was read by the secretary. As Dr. George H. Kress was familiar with the situation, he stated that he would discuss the matter with Doctor Ebricht.

13. Sir William Osler—Telegram from A. S. Musante, chairman of the public health section of the Commonwealth Club, asking that a committee be appointed to work in cooperation with the Commonwealth Committee in furthering the celebration of the birth of Sir William Osler, was read.

Action by the Council—On motion of Coffey, seconded by Catton, it was

Resolved, That William T. McArthur be appointed to represent the State Association with power to appoint his own committee.

14. Delegates to the A. M. A.—Letter from Doctor Soiland asking that instructions be given delegates to the A. M. A. was read. Doctor Hamlin pointed out the desirability of delegates being familiar with the problems of the Association.

Action by the Council—On motion of Phillips, seconded by Catton, it was

Resolved, That Doctor Hamlin and Doctor Day be appointed a committee of two to report at the next meeting of the Council on a plan whereby this problem may be met.

Letter from Doctor Vecki regarding terms of delegates to the American Medical Association was read and placed on file.

15. Technical Specialties—Doctor Gibbons informed the Council that technical specialties had been discussed by the Executive Committee and it was recom-

mended that the whole matter be referred to a committee for investigation. It was pointed out that the present Committee on Technical Specialties was too widespread to be effective. Doctor Gibbons stated that it had been suggested that the whole matter be referred to the Medical Activities Committee for investigation, study and report, and stated that as there was no objection the entire file would be referred to that committee.

Action by the Council—On motion of Catton, seconded by Day, it was

Resolved, That the matter of technical specialties be referred to the Medical Activities Committee with the request that the committee study the present situation and report to the Council.

16. Affiliate Members—The approval of the Council was asked in the matter of granting affiliate memberships to George Bell, Fair Oaks, Sacramento County; and C. L. Six, Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Action by the Council—On motion of Hamlin, seconded by Peers, it was

Resolved, That George Bell, Fair Oaks, Sacramento County, and C. L. Six, Stockton, San Joaquin County, be granted affiliate memberships and are hereby elected the same.

17. Councilor Visits—Kinney, First District—We have been marooned on a little island since January 1, and I have attended only one meeting at San Bernardino. I tried to go to Riverside. All four counties in my district have wide-awake societies. They have monthly meetings. The only criticism that can be made is that it is impossible to create any interest in the medical society of the state of California. I have tried every way possible. So far as scientific work is concerned, all are doing all we could ask.

Hamlin, Seventh District—In Alameda County the Council of the society meets every Tuesday and discusses matters of importance. There are a number of doctors who have recently come to Alameda who are not members of the society. There is a move to keep all applicants on probation for six months or a year. Contra Costa is a small county. Hardly any of the licensed doctors in the county are not members. Their meetings are sometimes held in their own residences. The scientific programs are all very good. I have not had an opportunity to visit San Joaquin or Calaveras.

Bingaman, Third District—I have visited San Luis Obispo. They seem to be getting along very well, the only trouble being the small membership. There is a new county hospital now under construction in the county which is the only problem they seem to have. Monterey County is getting along very satisfactorily. We are trying to devise means of eliminating the possibility of having other than desirable men as members.

Catton, At Large—The reports of San Francisco County are good. We now have a new home. The society felt that the medical profession would go ahead faster and get more enjoyment out of the meetings if something of this kind were done. San Francisco members have pledged themselves for \$200 for this new home. We are holding regular meetings every month. The board of directors is also meeting every month.

Kiger, Second District—I am on the mailing list in the four counties in my district. Santa Barbara has a very active society. Ventura consists of three little towns: Ventura, Oxnard, and Santa Paula. I have made a number of visits to keep the society alive. Orange has a very active society and has very good programs.

DeLappe, Fourth District—I have visited all counties in my district with the exception of Tuolumne. Merced has the medical men of Mariposa County on the mailing list. Fresno has members of Kern and Madera. They have very good meetings from the standpoint of scientific merit and attendance. The membership has been increasing during the past year.

Shephard, Fifth District—I believe Santa Clara County has a larger percentage of members of eligibles than any other society. The majority of the mem-

bers are in and around San Jose. Our hospital facilities are rather unique. We have two good hospitals controlled by the same group. No man is allowed to take patients into these hospitals who is not a member of the County Medical Society. Consequently new men are very anxious to become members of the society. The meetings are well attended. At practically every meeting we have a dinner. The question of county hospitals is our one problem. We have a most excellent county hospital. I have not been able to visit San Mateo County, as they meet on the same night as Santa Clara. I have left Santa Cruz to Doctor Phillips. San Benito has no active medical society. There are only six or seven doctors. I have received the suggestion that we employ a circulating advisor who could appear at the various luncheon clubs and tell what has been done by the medical profession in the way of betterment of medical conditions. I would like to suggest that you give this thought, as it might be well to have someone appear before these various clubs and call attention to the health conditions of today as compared with those of years ago.

Harris, Eighth District—I have visited Yuba-Sutter. They have very successful meetings. Sacramento is getting along very well. When our new hospital is completed we will follow out the same plan as Alameda. We will arrange for social service work in the county hospital, which will do away with taking patients who are able to pay.

Rogers, Ninth District—I am a new councilor and, being unfamiliar with the practices, have not visited very much during the year. I visited Sonoma County. They have quite an active society. Each year we have a joint meeting with Mendocino County at Cloverdale. This year I hope to visit all the counties.

Curtiss, At Large—I visited Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange. They are rather inactive. They have no constructive programs to offer. I believe it is a good thing to stress what is going on in the Council and try to make the societies realize what the State Association is doing. I believe the suggestion of a liaison officer is a very good one.

18. Adjournment—There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet at 11 a. m. Thursday, April 28, 1927.

One Hundred and Seventieth Meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association—Held in Room 242, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, California, Thursday, April 28, 1927, at 11 a. m.

Present—Doctors Gibbons, Kiger, Phillips, Kelly, Hamlin, Kinney, Duffield, Bingaman, DeLappe, Shephard, Coffey, Harris, Rogers, Peers, Catton, Kress, Shoemaker, Curtiss, Pope, and General Counsel Peart.

Absent—None.

Invited—Drs. Hubert Work and W. T. McArthur.

1. Call to Order—The meeting was called to order by the acting chairman, Morton R. Gibbons.

2. Dr. Hubert Work—Dr. Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, being present at the convention as an invited guest, addressed the Council. Doctor Work spoke of his work in the field of medicine and expressed the sentiment that he had an ever present interest in medicine.

3. Election of the Chairman of the Council—Dr. Oliver D. Hamlin, chairman of the Council, informed that body that Doctor Gibbons had been acting in his absence during the greater part of the year and was thoroughly familiar with the work of the Association.

Action by the Council—On nomination of Hamlin, seconded by Shephard, Morton R. Gibbons of San Francisco was unanimously elected chairman of the Council to succeed Oliver D. Hamlin for the ensuing year.

4. Appointment of the Secretary—Action by the Council: On motion of Kress, seconded by Phillips, it was unanimously

Resolved, That Emma W. Pope of San Francisco

be appointed secretary of the California Medical Association for the ensuing year at her present salary.

5. Appointment of the Editor—Action by the Council: On motion of Catton, seconded by Hamlin, it was

Resolved, That Dr. George H. Kress and Dr. Emma W. Pope be continued and hereby appointed as associate editors under the same provisions and conditions as set forth in the resolution of the Council adopted at its one hundred and sixty-sixth meeting, March 19, 1927.

6. Resignation of Assistant to Editor—The secretary reported that Miss Sue Van Wagenen, who had held the position as assistant to the editor under Doctor Musgrave, had now tendered her resignation to take effect June 1, 1927. Miss Van Wagenen had accepted a position at the Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara. The secretary on behalf of the editors stated that it was thought it would not be necessary to appoint anyone in Miss Van Wagenen's place.

The Council accepted the resignation of Miss Van Wagenen with a grant of two weeks' vacation, which was due Miss Van Wagenen, such vacation to begin May 15, 1927.

7. Salaries—The secretary called attention to the fact that Miss Bradford, Miss Comings and Miss Bignami, in the secretary's office, had received no recent increase in their salaries although they had been faithful and efficient in the work of the Association during the last several years.

Action by the Council: On motion of Hamlin, seconded by Peers, it was

Resolved, That the recommendations of the secretary be approved and that the salaries of said assistants be set as follows: Miss Bradford, \$160 per month; Miss Comings and Miss Bignami, \$150 per month, commencing May 1, 1927.

8. Industrial Medical Practice—Harlan Shoemaker introduced Gayle Moseley to the Council. Doctor Moseley spoke of the present situation in the industrial medicine field in California. Doctor Moseley suggested that the committee to handle industrial medicine consist of five members: one from Los Angeles, one from San Francisco, possibly one from San Diego, one member of the Council and himself as chairman, which committee would make a thorough study of the problem of industrial medicine during the next year. This committee would find out if possible the number of people being treated under this system, and how many employers are arranging to care for their employees in case of illness or accident, and the reaction of the employees.

Mr. Peart and other members of the Council spoke of the work that had been done in the past by the present committee. It was suggested that the committee of five of which Doctor Moseley would be chairman might work in cooperation with the present committee and be known as the Social Survey Committee or some similar name, which Doctor Moseley could select.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by Hamlin, it was

Resolved, That Dr. Gayle Moseley be requested to select a proper name for this committee; that he present names of members and a digest of his program to the Executive Committee at its next meeting, to which he shall be invited, and that the Executive Committee have the right to approve the proposal if it sees fit.

9. Arrangements Committee—Dr. Percy Phillips advised the Council that he had appointed the following members as the Committee on Arrangements for the 1928 meeting: Junius B. Harris, Sacramento, chairman; Robert A. Peers, Colfax; and Fred Fairchild, Woodland. Doctor Phillips stated that the committee might enlarge its personnel as it deems best to further its best interests.

10. Auditing Committee—Dr. Morton R. Gibbons informed the Council that he had appointed as mem-

bers of the Auditing Committee, Oliver D. Hamlin, chairman; and T. Henshaw Kelly.

11. Appointment of General Attorney—Action by the Council: On motion of Catton, seconded by DeLappe, it was

Resolved, That the present General Counsel, Mr. Hartley F. Peart be reappointed to succeed himself for the ensuing year.

Doctor Hamlin called the attention of the Council to the fact that he believed the present retainer fee of Mr. Peart was inadequate and suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter and report.

Action by the Council: On motion of Phillips, seconded by Peers, it was

Resolved, That the chairman of the Council and the chairman of the Auditing Committee constitute a committee to investigate the matter of the proper retainer fee for Mr. Peart.

12. Appointment of the Assistant General Counsel—Action by the Council: On motion of Kress, seconded by DeLappe, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Hubert T. Morrow of Los Angeles be reappointed to succeed himself as assistant general counsel for the ensuing year.

13. Delegates to the A. M. A.—Doctor Hamlin advised the Council that he had not yet had time to discuss the problem of instructing delegates to the A. M. A., but that he was strongly in favor of some plan being devised whereby the delegates would keep in close touch with the workings of the Association.

Action by the Council—On motion of Phillips, seconded by Catton, it was

Resolved, That the committee be continued.

14. Advertising Agents—The general counsel advised the Council that he would draw up new contracts covering commissions to advertising agents for CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE which would protect the interests of the Association.

15. Physicians Income Tax—Dr. Harlan Shoemaker informed the Council that he had spoken to Granville MacGowan about the question of physicians' income taxes, and that Doctor MacGowan wished to retain the chairmanship.

16. Annual Directory—The question of including various informational data in the annual directory was discussed.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, duly seconded, it was

Resolved, That the matter of the annual directory be referred to the Executive Committee.

17. Minutes of the One Hundred and Sixty-Sixth Meeting of the Council—Action by the Council: On motion of Phillips, seconded by Catton, it was

Resolved, That the minutes of the one hundred and sixty-sixth meeting of the Council as mailed to all members be approved.

18. Minutes of the Ninety-Eighth Meeting of the Executive Committee—Action by the Council: On motion duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That the minutes of the ninety-eighth meeting of the Executive Committee be approved as mailed to all councilors.

19. Group Insurance for Physicians—Doctor Kress stated that discussion had taken place on the matter of securing insurance benefits for members of the Association and that the plan appeared to be practicable and desirable.

Action by the Council—On motion of Kress, seconded by Catton, it was

Resolved, That Drs. W. B. Coffey and Henry W. Gibbons be constituted a committee to investigate the matter of securing information on the group insurance plan for members of the California Medical Association.

20. Medical Ethics in Medical Schools—The secretary read a letter received from the American Medical Association asking that lectures on medical ethics be

made a part of the curriculum in every approved medical school. It was the sense of the Council that the letter be referred to the Medical Activities Committee.

21. Harrison Narcotic Act—Letter from the American Medical Association enclosing memorandum relative to the promulgation of regulations under the National Prohibition and Harrison Narcotic Act be endorsed, and that Doctor Woodward be so notified.

22. Physicians' Directory in Journal—Discussion was had on the action of the Executive Committee regarding the elimination of the "Physicians Directory" from the journal.

Action by the Council—On motion of Catton, seconded by DeLappe, it was

Resolved, That the previous action of the Executive Committee be endorsed by this Council and that classified advertisements of physicians be eliminated at the expiration of the contracts or by voluntary withdrawal before the expiration of such contracts.

23. Adjournment—There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

UTAH STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

W. R. CALDERWOOD, Salt Lake.....President
E. H. SMITH, Ogden.....President-Elect
FRANK B. STEELE, Salt Lake.....Secretary
J. U. GIESY, 701 Medical Arts Building, Salt Lake.....Associate Editor for Utah

COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

SALT LAKE COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held in the Assembly Room, Medical Arts Building, Salt Lake City, Monday, November 28, 1927.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m. by President W. G. Schulte. Thirty-five members and two visitors were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted without correction.

George M. Fister of Ogden read a paper entitled "A Few Red Blood Cells in the Urine." He covered his subject thoroughly including the etiology, prognosis, and methods of diagnosis, and illustrated his paper by lantern slides showing x-ray films of interesting genito-urinary conditions. His paper was discussed by C. L. Shields, John Z. Brown, and W. G. Schulte.

Vice-President William F. Beer took the chair.

The next paper was on "Rheumatic Heart Disease in Childhood" by Eugene H. Smith of Ogden, president of the Utah State Medical Association. He took up in a masterly manner the pathology of rheumatism and the resultant changes in the heart itself. He illustrated his points by a chart summarizing one hundred of his own cases. This very interesting paper was discussed by L. E. Viko, W. R. Tyndale, W. R. Calderwood and Ralph Tandowsky.

The applications for membership signed by Bremer and Quick, and an application for transfer from Cache County signed by Eugene Worley were read.

The secretary read a communication from Inter-mountain Lloyds relative to group automobile insurance at a reduced rate. L. W. Snow moved that a committee of two be appointed to investigate the report. Seconded and carried.

A communication from Parke, Davis & Company requesting permission to exhibit a film, "How Biologicals are Made," was read. John Z. Brown moved that a committee of three be appointed to see a preview and decide whether or not the films should be shown. Seconded and carried.

Communication from F. W. Pottenger was read.

He stated his regrets that he was unable to read a paper before the society because of illness.

A letter from Willard Christopherson, city health commissioner, was read in which he requested co-operation of the society in the present campaign to administer toxin-antitoxin to all school children. Garland H. Pace moved that the society cooperate with the Board of Health. Seconded. Discussed by W. T. Ward, Clark Young and William F. Beer. Carried.

William F. Beer read his report on the banquet given in honor of the dentists. He moved that the society omit refreshments at the meeting on December 12. Seconded and carried. B. E. Bonar moved that the society extend the banquet committee a vote of thanks for the excellent manner in which the affair was carried out. Seconded and carried.

William T. Ward gave a preliminary report for his Committee to Investigate Institutions Caring for Charity Patients. He suggested that a carefully picked committee be appointed to give the existing conditions further study. William F. Beer added some remarks and John J. Galligan, city physician, reported on how the Emergency Hospital was run. John Z. Brown moved that the same committee be continued and the chairman be authorized to choose members to help him. Discussed by W. T. Ward. Carried.

The proposed change in the By-Laws raising the dues from \$10 to \$15 and raising the admission fee to \$20 after a member has been dropped for nonpayment of dues was read.

Adjournment at 11:10 p. m.

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A special meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held in the Assembly Room of the Medical Arts Building, Salt Lake City, Monday, December 5, 1927.

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m. by President W. G. Schulte. There were seventy-five members and seven visitors present.

The speaker was Edgar Gilcreest of San Francisco, who spoke on Sir William Osler, physician and philanthropist. He held his audience spellbound with his talk, which emphasized especially the humane side of this great man.

Adjournment at 9:30 p. m.

M. M. CRITCHLOW, *Secretary*.

Committees on Public Health, Arrangements and Public Policy and Legislation—Secretary Steel of the Utah State Association announces the following appointments to committees:

Committee on Public Health—W. R. Calderwood, chairman; H. B. Kirtley, John Z. Brown.

Committee on Local Arrangements for State Convention, 1928—Ezra C. Rich, chairman; F. K. Bartlett, J. R. Morell.

Committee on Public Policy and Legislation—A. C. Callister, chairman; F. J. Curtis, one to be appointed.

Medico-Dental Meeting—One of the outstanding events of the past month was the banquet extended by the Salt Lake County Society to the Dental Society. The function was held in the Elks' Club, with approximately 150 doctors and dentists in attendance.

Arrangements were made by Doctors Beer, Wright and Lester Paul. The banquet, which was decidedly a "get-together" gathering, was followed by orchestral music, a series of boxing bouts, and singing.

Dr. William Donohoe, as toastmaster, called for responses from numerous members of both societies on subjects introduced in his happily facetious vein.

These mutual gatherings do much to cement friendship and good will.

Honor to Past Presidents of Salt Lake County Society—On the evening of December 7, Dr. William Schulte, retiring president of the Salt Lake County Society, entertained the past presidents of the society at a dinner in the New House Hotel, held quite appropriately, in the president's suite.

Twenty-five guests assembled and after dinner the "old-timers" indulged in reminiscences of the early medical history of the city and county.

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UTAH COUNTY

October 12, at the regular meeting, Dr. B. E. Bonar of Salt Lake City read a very interesting paper on "Diagnosis and Treatment of Pneumonia in Children." October 26, Dr. Floyd Hatch gave a paper on "Diagnosis of Renal Tumors." On November 9, Drs. Clarence Snow and Ralph Richards read papers on the "Medical and Surgical Aspects of Goiter." The November 3 meeting was a business meeting.

All the above meetings were held in the Roberts Hotel, beginning with a dinner, after which the scientific programs were held. The Utah Society regularly invites the wives of its members to the dinner on the first meeting night of each month. The ladies later amuse themselves as they see fit until after the close of the scientific program. Not a bad idea as we see it, and one which apparently works out well.

ARNOLD ROBISON, *Secretary*.

Meeting of the Holy Cross Hospital Clinical Association—The last meeting of the Holy Cross Hospital Clinical Association November 21, was very well attended both by members of the association and by the nursing body and visitors. The program has recently taken the form of case reports, and the exhibition of interesting patients was good and evoked a considerable discussion. Doctor Colonge showed and demonstrated apparatus designed to overcome joint disfunction following traumatic injuries. Doctor Flood, the pathologist, showed a number of interesting specimens. Doctor Hosmer gave a very complete discussion of soft-tissue trauma from the standpoint of anatomical recognition of muscle disfunction and the prevention of posttraumatic infection. Both interns reported cases. Election of officers will occur at the next meeting, December 19. The association invites all of the medical fraternity who desire to attend these meetings, which are regularly held on the third Monday of each month from September to May inclusive.

NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

W. M. EDWARDS.....	President
G. F. SMITH.....	First Vice-President
W. GREEN.....	Second Vice-President
HORACE J. BROWN.....	Secretary-Treasurer
W. A. SHAW, D. A. TURNER, S. K. MORRISON.....	Trustees

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

Business Meeting—The business meeting was called to order by the president at 8:45 p. m. The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with on motion of M. A. Robison, seconded by T. W. Bath. The secretary's report on membership and finances was also dispensed with on motion by the same members.

The delegate to the American Medical Association not having been in attendance at the meeting of that body, M. A. Robison, who attended, made a short report. All of the points covered by Doctor Robison are contained in the annual report, which is on file in the secretary's office. The subject of venereal disease, with the idea of bringing out some method of control, was then discussed generally by all present, but no action was taken.

The Entertainment Committee made its report through D. A. Turner, who announced that the annual meeting would close with a dance to be held at the Century Club at 9:30 p. m., September 24, 1927.

The Necrology Committee then reported through T. W. Bath, who read a very eloquent obituary in memory of Dr. Simeon L. Lee. Moved by M. A. Robison, seconded by D. A. Turner, that this obituary be submitted to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE for publication. Carried.

The election of officers for 1928 was the next order of business:

President: M. A. Robison, seconded by T. W. Bath, nominated R. R. Craig of Tonopah for president.

D. A. Turner, seconded by E. L. Creveling, nominated W. M. Edwards of Yerington. D. A. Turner moved that the nomination be closed and that the election be by secret ballot, seconded by E. L. Creveling. Carried. Upon a poll of votes cast, W. M. Edwards, having a majority, was declared elected.

First vice-president: D. A. Turner, seconded by B. H. Caples, nominated G. F. Smith of Reno for first vice-president, who was unanimously elected.

Second vice-president: D. A. Turner, seconded by M. A. Robison, nominated G. W. Green of Ely for second vice-president, who was unanimously elected.

Secretary-treasurer: E. L. Creveling, seconded by D. A. Turner, nominated Horace J. Brown of Reno for secretary-treasurer; unanimously elected.

Trustee for three years: E. L. Creveling, seconded by M. A. Robison, nominated R. P. Roantree of Elko for trustee for three years; unanimously elected.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned until 10 a. m., September 24, 1927.

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After the scientific program, published in the October issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, a short business session was then held. The annual meeting for 1928 was discussed, and it was moved by A. J. Hood, seconded by D. A. Turner, that the meeting be held at Bowers' Mansion, with the date left to the judgment of the incoming officers. Motion carried.

Honorary members: Moved by C. E. Piersall, seconded by J. L. Robinson, that the Association extend their vote of thanks to all of our visitors and that such of them as participated in the program be made honorary members. Motion carried.

Motion by D. A. Turner, seconded by S. K. Morrison, that Mr. Lester J. Hilp be extended a vote of thanks for his cooperation, thoughtfulness and generosity in making the meeting a success. Unanimously and vociferously carried.

Several of the visitors expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Association for the courtesies shown them.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned *sine die*.

The following members were in attendance at various times during the meeting: I. S. Egan, Earle L. Creveling, C. H. Lehnert, H. J. Brown, P. J. Mangan, W. L. Samuels, Anna De Chenne, R. H. Hawkins, W. H. Hood, A. F. Adams, F. H. Harrison, D. A. Turner, M. A. Robison, E. E. Hamer, A. R. Da Costa, A. J. Hood (Reno), C. E. Piersall, L. P. Monson, J. A. Fuller, H. W. Sawyer, John Tees, A. L. Stadtherr, S. K. Morrison, T. W. Bath, H. L. Dalby, A. L. Grover, M. R. Walker, S. M. Sproat, B. H. Caples, A. E. Landers, H. A. Paradis, J. L. Robinson.

The following honorary members and visitors were also present at various times during the meeting: W. B. Coffey, J. D. Humber, D. K. Pischel, T. W. Huntington, J. R. Allan, P. K. Brown, M. B. Wesson, B. C. N. O'Reilly, W. E. Stevens, J. T. Watkins, D. S. Pulford, S. H. Hurwitz, R. O. Schofield, P. W. Frame, J. P. Warren, R. R. Newall, C. C. Tiffin, E. L. Gilcreest, A. R. Kilgore, Lewis Michelson, D. W.

Sooy, G. W. Pierce, Howard Fleming, H. H. Runo, G. H. Ross, T. N. Williams, C. I. Burnett, H. M. Peyser, Eugene Benjamin Travers, Mrs. S. M. Sproat, Mrs. R. H. Hawkins, Miss Ruth Ward.

NEVADA NEWS ITEMS

Dr. John W. Fuller, retiring president of the Washoe County Medical Society, entertained the members of that body at dinner at the Indart Hotel, Reno, on the evening of December 13. There were no papers read. A general discussion of birth control followed the dinner. Officers for 1928 were elected as follows: B. H. Caples, president; D. L. Shaw, vice-president; Thomas W. Bath, secretary-treasurer; S. K. Morrison, censor, all of Reno.

Dr. Fleet Harrison of Minden has removed to Colorado and has been succeeded at Minden by Dr. P. W. Robinson, formerly of Virginia City.

Dr. A. Huffaker of Carson City, one of the oldest physicians of the state, has retired from active practice and has gone to San Francisco, hoping to improve his health. Dr. L. P. Monson, formerly of the Presidio of San Francisco, and Virginia City, has taken over Doctor Huffaker's practice.

Dr. William J. Circe, for many years located at Carson City, has removed to Virginia City to engage in practice.

The Discouraging Cancer Death Rate—Dr. Frederick L. Hoffman has stated in his survey of the cancer situation that "the cancer record for 1926 is a dismal indictment of the failure of modern efforts to check the ravages of this dreadful affliction."

This statement is based on a statistical study of the mortality records of 119 American cities. While Doctor Hoffman is recognized as an expert statistician, it is fair to hope that the picture is not so appalling as the figures seem to imply, for it is probably true that the cancer propaganda has led to more careful study of sick people with better diagnostic returns and it may be that cities show a disproportionate increase because the cancer patients are sent or gravitate to the cities, to some extent at least.

Surgeons are regularly reporting more and more cured cases of cancer, and every community can furnish evidence of the beneficial results following surgical interventions. Even if the average longevity of the race has increased to the extent that a very much larger proportion of the people reach the cancer age, we may still hope that more general appreciation of the possibility of cancer in obscure cases may lead to a larger number of cures.

Although Doctor Hoffman says that "the vast amount of laboratory research on the one hand and of cancer propaganda on the other seem to have had no measurable effect on the cancer death rate" and that "the enormous sums of money which have been expended on cancer research seem to have yielded thus far not a fragment of evidence of real value toward the control and cure of the disease" it may be that the statistical evidence is to some extent unbalanced. It is probably true that until within recent years many people died of unsuspected cancer.

Even if Doctor Hoffman's gloomy statements are true, about 30 per cent of all cancers are curable in the early stages and the statistics will eventually reflect the advantages of early recognition and surgery.—*Boston M. and S. J.*

Sane Medical Charity—The Chicago Medical Society has recently taken the stand that free medical service should be rendered only to those who are recipients of other forms of charity. At last we have found a group of doctors with sense.—*Southern Medicine and Surgery.*